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Atty. Docket No.: 0068.00

Examiner: Pulliam, Amy E.

Application No. 09/919,278

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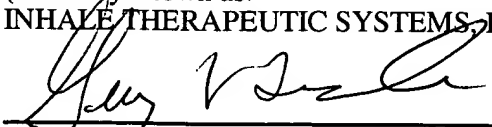
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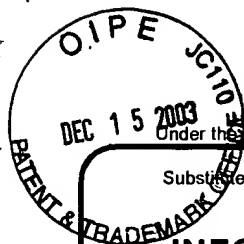
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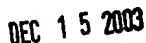
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